

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-21 (canceled).

22. (Currently amended) An elevator system having a tension member for suspending the elevator loads and a termination device for the tension member, the termination device including:

a first compressive system to engage and compress the tension member to provide a first retaining mechanism; and

a ~~second compressive system comprising a clamp, separate from the compressive system,~~
engaging clamping the tension member by mechanical deformation to provide a second retaining mechanism.

23. (Currently amended) The elevator system according to Claim 22, wherein the rope engagement with the first compressive system defines a load side and a cut side of the tension member, and wherein the clamp is engaged with the cut side of the tension member.

24. (Canceled)

25. (Previously presented) The elevator system according to Claim 22, wherein the clamp includes a first portion and a second portion, the first portion including grooves and the second portion including ridges that complement the grooves such that upon application of a clamping force the interaction of the grooves and ridges retain the tension member.

26. (Previously presented) The elevator system according to Claim 22, wherein the clamp includes a first portion, a second portion, and a fastener engaged with both portions to provide a clamping force between the two portions to retain the tension member.

27. (Currently amended) The elevator system according to Claim 24, wherein the clamp is located to be drawn toward the first compressive system in the case of slippage of the tension member relative to the first compressive system.